

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on p. 1, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is related to the subject matter disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/633,088, entitled "Data Storage System," filed on August 4, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,658,478, and United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/751,994, entitled "Method of Communicating Data in an Interconnect System", filed simultaneously herewith on December 29, 2000, both of which are assigned to the present Assignee and are incorporated herein by reference.